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SURVEY OF WORK IN ALASKA

Churches	Pastor or Lay Worker	People Served	Population of town	Total Membership	Year's Add's	Av. Att.	Annual Aid from Board 1941-1942	N. Missions Benevolence 1940-41	Property Value Buildings Land	Amount Invested by Board	Title	Other Religious Forces	
ALASKA PRESBYTERY													
Angeon	Mr. Samuel Johnson	Native	375 (18 w)	88	18	20	\$450. S.	\$39.27	\$1400.	\$1000 in Manse 1200 mtg. on Church	Board Local Trustees	Greek Catholic & Salvation Army	
Auk Lake	Mr. Willard Barrows	White	700 (n & w)	*	*	16	1200. S. 300. E.	3.60	1000.		Board	Catholic, Seventh Day Adventist, Pentacostal	
Craig	Rev. Wm. J. Holland	Native	500 (n)	36	7	25	(see Klawock)	3.00	2500.	\$300.	2000., 1800 mtg.	Presbytery	Church of Christ
Haines	Rev. Edwin Knudsen	Native & White	350 (n,w,b)	72	4	120	640. S.	35.00	11000.	7500.		Board	Catholic
Hoonah	Rev. E. E. Bromley	Native	748 (175 w)	113	9	75	1525. S.	24.14	5000.	1500.		Board	Greek Orthodox, Catholic, Salvation Army
Hydaburg	Rev. V. J. Swanson	Native	350 (12 w)	139	14	65	1345. S.	34.45	3700.	150.		Manse - Home Board; Church-Trustees	No other religious forces
Juneau	Rev. Walter Soboleff	Native	5748*	87	17	70	1525. S. 50. E.	16.67	26000.	250.		Board	Lutheran, Methodist, Catholic, Episcopal, Salvation Army, Seventh Day Adventist, Latter Day Saints.
Kake		Native	411 (19 w)	97	16	238	450. S.	8.34	1500.	100.		Board	Salvation Army
Kasaan	No worker	Native	85 (n)	-	-	-	-	-	390.	50.	1980.	Board	No other churches
Metlakatla	Rev. A. D. Swogger	Native	700 (20 w)	207	4	120	1375. S.	90.80	4000.		2990. Mtg.	Local Board	Duncan Church, Salvation Army
Ketchikan	Rev. James W. Hall	Native	5000*	88	10	40	1524. S.	16.91	15000.	3000.		Board	Methodist, Episcopal, Lutheran, Seventh Day Adventist, Christian Science, Church of Christ, Salvation Army, Gospel Tabernacle, Alaska Evangelical Society
Klawock	Rev. Wm. J. Holland	Native	500 (5 w)	122	9	90	1525. S. 100. E.	26.10	4500.	100.		Home Board	Salvation Army, Catholic
Klukwan	Rev. Edwin Knudsen	Native	100 (n)	47	-	40	(see Haines)	-	2000.	100.		Board	No other churches
Petersburg	Mr. George R. Betts	Native	1300 (n,j,f)	46	15	35	450. S.	18.50	400.		3305 mtg.	Presbytery	Lutheran, Catholic, Salvation Army
Sitka	Rev. Arthur M. Bily	Native & White	2500 (649n)	278	18	210	850. S.	326.50	10306.	500.		Board	Episcopal, Catholic, Greek Orthodox, Pentacostal, Salvation Army, Lutheran
Skagway	Rev. A. G. Rotenberry	White	500 (95% w)	54	6	53	1045. S.	43.34	9000.		4500. mtg.	Presbytery	Episcopal (once a year), Catholic
Wrangell	Rev. H. H. Champlin	Native & White	1142 (60% n)	80	12	43	1200. S.	59.20	18000.	2000.		Board	Catholic, Episcopal, Salvation Army, Assembly of God, Seventh Day Adventists
YUKON PRESBYTERY													
Anchorage	Rev. Boyd G. Cabbage	White	10000 (w)	128	31	115	540. S. 36. E.	116.25	21700.	750.	10000. (4000 mtg.)	Local Church	Episcopal, Catholic, Seventh Day Adventis Lutheran, Church of Open Door, Church of God, Church of Christ, Scientist, Bethel Full Assembly of God, Salvation Army.
Barrow	Rev. F. G. Klerekoper	Native	550 (23 w)	448	-	250	1900. S., 300. E., 2900. Main	75.02	20000. 7 Bldgs.			Board	No other church
Cordova	Rev. David Crawford	White	1540 (156n)	46	8	40	1100. S.	38.60	15000.		10855.60 Mtg.	Church	Catholic, Episcopal, Russian, Independent
Palmer	Rev. O. Wilber Randall	White	2500	125	4	54	1140. S.	46.13	14500.		3200.	Board and Local Church	Lutheran, Catholic
St. Lawrence	Miss Ann Bannan												
Gambell		Native	297 (4 w)	140	3	125	720. S.		3000.	1000.		Home Board	No other Church
Saveonga		Native	210 (3 w)	98		85	600. Main.			no property			No other Church
Wainwright	Rev. P. Ipalook	Native	360 (6 w)	139		250	1100. S. 800. Main.		4150.			Govt. Property	No other Church
Wales	Miss Emma Stauffer	Native	200 (3 w)	114	41	90	900. S. 1100. Main.		10000.			Govt. Property	No other Church

Key: w, White; n, Native; b, Breed; S., Salary; E., Expenses; Main., Maintenance; mtg., mortgage held by Board; * mixed population, no figures as to proportions

PROPERTY OWNED - NOT EXCISE PRODUCING

Used in Mission Work

Showing total value of buildings, based upon either cost or appraisal value, including equipment.

Those acquired and now used in the Educational and Medical Work include - Hospital, School, Paritory, Administration, Industrial, Chapel, Cottage, and Dispensary Buildings.

MARCH 31, 1943

Properties owned at beginning of the fiscal year, April 1, 1942;
(See Board's Annual Report - 1942, page 188)

\$11,215,947.36

Properties Acquired During the Year:

Swannanoa, Warren H. Wilson Vocational Junior College, N. C.	
Vocational Arts Bldg. (Spidel).....	\$ 20,000.00
Farm Shop Bldg.....	1,500.00
Dorland Bell - Homeaking Bldg.....	12,000.00
Irmo, Harbison Agricultural & Industrial Inst., S. C.	
School.....	15,000.00
Dining Hall.....	25,000.00
Paritory.....	25,000.00
Leupp, Arizona - Manse.....	5,500.00
Hickory Grove, S. C. - Manse.....	500.00
Cardenas, Cuba (La Progresiva)	
Double Cottage.....	2,000.00
Girls' Paritory.....	36,000.00
Mayaguez Arriba, P.R. - Manse.....	3,500.00
Cooleman, N. C. - Chapel.....	500.00
Guadalupe, Ariz.	
Church.....	2,000.00
Manse.....	2,000.00
West Point, Mary Holmes Junior College, Miss.	
House, 2 barns and Cabin.....	6,000.00
Sitka, Sheldon Jackson School, Alaska - Lot.....	160.00
Vian, Dwight Indian Training School, Okla.	
Workers' Home.....	2,500.00
Garages with Apartment over.....	1,300.00
	<u>160,160.00</u>

TOTAL WITH ADDITIONS.....

\$11,376,107.36

Properties Disposed of or Otherwise Eliminated:

Fine Ridge, S. D. - Cemetery Tract.....	100.00
Chester, Brainerd Institute, S. C.	
1 Lot on Leona St.....	250.00
12 Lots on Lencaster St.....	6,300.00
Needles, Calif. - Church.....	1,000.00
Valliant, Alice Lee Elliott Mem'l, Okla.	
Girls' Paritory.....	4,000.00
66.14 Acres.....	350.70
Jupiter, N. C. - Manse.....	1,000.00
Lumberton, N. C., Redstone Academy.....	11,270.00
Reems Creek, Weaverville, N. C. - Boyd's Chapel.....	2,000.00
Wedgfield, Thos. Steele Mem'l, S. C. - School.....	2,000.00
Banberg, Frazier School, S. C.....	9,000.00
St. Augustine, Mather Perit School, Fla.....	7,700.00
Leupp, Ariz. - Old Manse.....	3,000.00
Franklinton, Albion Academy, N. C. - Cottage.....	725.00
Juneau, Alaska - Church.....	2,000.00
Arkadelphia, Arkadelphia Academy, Ark.	
Paritory.....	10,000.00
Boys' Cottage.....	1,400.00
Laundry.....	400.00
Barn.....	560.00
10 Lots.....	560.00
Mt. Pleasant, Ark. - Presbyterian Health Center.....	<u>11,348.75</u>

74,944.45

VALUE OF PROPERTIES OWNED AT END OF FISCAL YEAR, MARCH 31, 1943

\$11,301,462.91

Contributions received by the Board
of National Missions for the
Period

April 1-1942 To December 31-1942

Amount	SYNOD OF WASHINGTON
\$	Alaska
	1 Angoon, Alaska, Angoon (Thl.)
	2 Craig, Alaska, (Ind.) M
11.18	3 Haines, Alaska, (Thl.) M P
19.00	4 Hoonah, Alaska, (Thl.) M
5.35	5 Hydaburg, Alaska, (Hyda) M
	6 Juneau, Alaska, First, (Thl.) M
12.00	7 Northern Light M P
	8 Kake, Alaska, (Thl.) M
	9 Kasaan, Alaska, (Hyda) M
38.23	10 Ketchikan, Alaska, (Ind.) M P
	11 Saxman (Thl.)
	12 Klavock, Alaska, (Thl.) M
	13 Klukwan, Alaska, (Thl.) M
15.00	14 Metlakatla, Alaska, (Tsimp) M
32.62	15 Petersburg, Alas., Prsbg Native (Th) M
765.64	16 Sitka, Alaska, First (Thl.) M P
66.63	17 Skagway, Alaska, First M P
39.20	18 Wrangle, Alaska, 1st M P
11.22	Chapel by the Lake Presbyterial Miscellaneous
\$ 1,016.07	Presbyterial Total

Amount	Yukon
\$	1 Anchorage, Alaska, First M P
17.90	2 Barrow, Alaska, Ootkeavik (Esk.) M
172.40	3 Cordova, Alaska, First M P
25.00	4 Fairbanks, Alaska, First M P
61.99	5 Nenana, Alaska, Grace P
15.65	6 Wainwright, Alaska, Olgonik (Esk.)
13.51	7 Wales, Alaska, Thornton MI. M
20.00	Presbyterial Miscellaneous
	Presbyterial Total
	SYNODICAL MISCELLANEOUS
	SYNODICAL TOTAL
69.62	Palmer, United Protestant
22.00	St. Lawrence, Campbell (Esk.)
\$ 418.07	

ANGOON, ALASKA

I. Population and description of community

Angoon is a small fishing village on Chatham Strait with a population of 375, entirely native except for 18 whites.

II. Religious forces working in the community

There are two other churches serving Angoon, Greek Catholic and the Salvation Army. The Catholic group is small but zealous in service.

III. Property Appraisal

A. Condition

Both the church and manse are in good repair. The church is small, not large enough for any recreation work. Large enough for worship services but in-adequate for any sort of an educational program.

B. Title

The Board holds the title to the manse. No information available as to who holds title to church. Since the Board does not, the title is undoubtedly held by the local trustees.

C. Cost of Buildings (Value of Property)

The manse was recently purchased for \$1,000. It is a comfortable manse, large and roomy and has bathroom facilities. Commercial value - \$800.

The church originally cost about \$2500. The present value is \$800 and the commercial value about \$600.

IV. Church Membership and Average Attendance

The total membership is 88 and the average weekly attendance 20.

V. Church Program

The Program consists of morning worship, Sunday School, Young Peoples, Women's Missionary Society.

AUK LAKE CHAPEL, JUNEAU? ALASKA

I. Population and description of community

The mission work is centered about twelve miles northwest of Juneau, around Auk Lake and Auk Bay. Although the work is rural the community seems almost a part of Juneau as nearly all the men are working in Juneau. There are approximately 800 living on the entire Highway. About 600 of these might be included within the Auk Lake Missions field during the summer months and perhaps 250 within a radius of five miles of the Chapel. The people are mostly white, yet quite a number of native and part native.

II. Religious forces working in the community

Many of the people are Catholic who do not have any church since services are not held on this side of Juneau. The Seventh Day Adventists have quite a following and hold a midweek service in one of their homes. There are occasional Pentecostal meetings.

III. Property Appraisal

A. Condition

The condition of both the Chapel and manse is poor and very inadequate.

B. Title

Title to the property is held by the Board of National Missions

C. Value of Property

Property valued at \$1,000. according to Alaska reports but Board has figure of \$750. on its records

IV. Church Membership and Average Attendance

The average attendance is 16. This is not an organized church

V. Church Program

The program consists of a Sunday School of 35 members, Sunday evening worship, Chapeladies. A troop of Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts meet once a week in the Chapel.

CRAIG, ALASKA

I. Population and description of community

Craig has a population of more than five hundred which is increased during the summer to about seven hundred and fifty. The people comprising the town are both white and native, a good number being a mixture.

II. Religious forces working in the community

The only other church in town is called "The Church of Christ" and it serves a small group of white people.

III. Property Appraisal

A. Condition

The church is in very poor condition

B. Title

Presbytery holds title to both church and manse. Board has \$1800 mortgage on property. Insured under Board's policy \$2,500 on church

C. Value of Property

Original cost of church was from \$5,000 - \$6,000, the Board putting up \$2,000 and the congregation \$1,000 and donating the labor. Value has greatly depreciated. Land valued at \$500. 2 lots.

IV. Church Membership and Average Attendance

There are 36 members on the roll and an average attendance of 25.

V. Church Program

The church program consists of the following:

- A. A combination Sunday School and Church with an average attendance of 50.
- B. An evening service with an average attendance of 25.
- C. Three Weekday Bible Classes for Children - one for children up to the third grade, another for the boys, and another for the older girls.
- D. Weekly Choir practice, Sunday School Teachers' Meeting and missionary Society which meets every other week.

HAINES, ALASKA

I. Population and description of community

Haines has a population of 350 evenly divided between whites, breeds and natives. The Chilkoot Barracks is located at Haines and has a population of 800. This may be abandoned as an Army Post but will then be converted into a Territorial tuberculosis sanitorium.

II. Religious forces working in the community

There is a Catholic Church but the priest from Skagway only holds two or three services a year here. Many of their children attend our Sunday School.

III. Property Appraisal

A. Condition

The Haines manse is in excellent condition/and the church is in fair physical condition having been built in 1903 with left-over materials by the Post contractor.

B. Title

Title to the property is held by the Board of National Missions

C. Property Value

According to figures received from Alaska the actual value of the manse is \$5,000 and its commercial value about \$5,500. The church is valued at around \$12,000; commercial value about \$7,500.

According to Board records the church is valued at \$4,000 and the manse at \$5,400. Land valued at \$7,500. (266 acres).

IV. Church Membership and Average Attendance

Church Membership is 72 and the average attendance in morning worship is 95.

V. Church Program

The Haines Church Program consists of:

- A. Sunday School with an enrollment of 105 and average attendance of 90
- B. Morning, evening and midweek services
- C. Active Young People's Christian Endeavor
- D. Choir
- E. Two Missionary Societies - one for natives and one for whites.

HAINES HOUSE
Haines, Alaska
Owned and operated by
Board of National Missions
of the
Presbyterian Church in the United States of America

Edwin E. Knudsen, Executive

Sept. 10, 1942

Phyllis B. McEwen
156 5th Ave.
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. McEwen:

A reminder from Dr. King that I owe you this letter just came and I must say I am sorry not to have replied sooner. Your request came while I was in the midst of "Haying" and filling silo, and the completely forgotten.

This being a defense area there is little I could say as to our present situation from a military standpoint. However, our Church is trying in every way to be of assistance spiritually to these men. Bible classes and fellowship hours are held at the Manse Sunday evening and during the week as conditions permit. The Church locally has been handicapped considerably due to the evacuation of civilian families of men employed at the barracks. In fact, if it were not for Haines House we would have no Sunday School teachers or leaders of religion in the church. Occasionally there is a soldier that has the training and willingness to help and we always welcome them into our program.

The greatest evil we have to combat is that of liquor. It flows very freely in our Community and is a great problem. We receive no cooperation from the Command and I imagine this is the only Post where religious services are not welcomed. This was a winter and summer condition. Just what will come with the fall no one knows. The Church is ready to serve whenever the opportunity presents itself.

I'm sorry I cannot give you more detail but this is wartime. I must say some of the conditions have changed and we look forward to the challenge of the new for a closer fellowship in service.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Edwin E. Knudsen

HOONAH, ALASKA

I. Population and description of community

Hoonah is a fishing community of 748 people - about 175 whites and 573 Alaskan natives.

II. Religious forces in the community

Besides the Presbyterian Church there is the Russian Greek Orthodox Church and the Canadian Salvation Army. A Roman Catholic Priest comes in once a year to visit the white people, a large number of whom are Catholic.

III. Property Appraisal

A. Condition

The Property is in good condition

B. Title

The Board of National Missions holds the Title to this property.

C. Property Value

Church and equipment	\$6600.	
Manse and Equipment	4359.	
Shop (carpenter and machine for people of community)	500.	\$11,459.
Land valued at \$1500. (16 acres)		
Commercial value of this property is about		\$5,000.00

IV. Church Membership and Average Attendance

The Membership is 113 and the average attendance for the two services on Sunday is about 75.

V. Church Program

The Church Program consists of Sunday School with an attendance of 45, Young Peoples Christian Endeavor with an attendance of 40, Young Peoples Choir with 22, Junior Choir with 14, Weekday Bible School attendance with 45. They Ladies Missionary Society has 30 members. They have meetings about twice a month during the fall and winter, and are active in raising money for local and missionary purposes. Sunday School rooms are used by the children and young people for table games and social gatherings, by the people for public gatherings.

During the three months when the people are not in Hoonah the church tries to keep in touch with them by holding services at the canneries, conducting Sunday school and Daily Vacation Bible Schools for the children, and by house to house visitation when they are not at work.

C O P Y

Hoonah, Alaska
July 25th. '42

Dr. E. B. King
156 5th Ave. N. Y.

Dear Dr. King:-

Here at Hoonah we have not been effected yet and may not be in the future. Our people are now in the midst of the season's salmon fishing doing all they can to assure a large pack this season.

The people evacuated from three villages in the Aleutian Islands have been given temporary homes in this section of Southeast Alaska. About four hundred from the Pribilof Islands are at Funter Bay, housed in the cannery and mining buildings there. They brought their personal effects with them, and a Government Agent and two Priests of the Russian Church are with them. The nurse from Hoonah is there at present helping to control and establish health and sanitary measures.

Some eighty five people from Atka Island are at the old village of Killisnoo, about three miles from Angoon. These people were taken out by airplane and could bring very little with them. Our people at Angoon and Kake donated clothing and food when they first arrived. They are repairing the old buildings and building new in preparation for the coming winter.

Sincerely,

(Signed) E. E. Bromley

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HYDABURG, ALASKA

I. Population and description of community

Hydaburg is a native village of the Haida Tribe (the only Haida village in Alaska). It has a population of 350 natives and a dozen whites. The principal livelihood is by salmon fishing and trapping.

II. Religious forces working in the community

There are no other churches in Hydaburg

III. Property Appraisal

A. Condition

The condition of the manse is fair and of the church poor.

B. Title

The Title to the Church is held by the local trustees; that of the manse is still in the name of the Home Board

C. Property Value

Replacement value of the manse is \$3500.; actual value about \$1200.

Replacement value of the church is \$10,000.; actual value \$2500.

Land valued at \$150. (2 lots).

According to the Board's records the manse is valued at \$4,000.

IV. Church Membership and Average Attendance

The Church membership is 139 and the average attendance is 65.

V. Church Program

The program consists of Sunday morning service with an average attendance of 20, evening service with 45, Sunday School with 65, Intermediate Christian Endeavor with 20, Young Peoples Christian Endeavor with 15, Bible Club with 40; Trail Builders with 8 and Prayer Meeting

I. Population and description of community

Juneau is the capitol of Alaska and is the headquarters of the U. S. Territorial government. It has a population of 8748 of all races.

II. Religious forces working in the community

There are two Presbyterian Churches in Juneau; one for whites and one for natives. The white church is the Northern Light Church and is self-supporting. Other churches serving in Juneau are the Lutheran, Methodist, Catholic, Episcopal, Salvation Army, Seventh Day Adventists, Latter Day Saints. The groups serving the natives are the Church of God and the Salvation Army.

III. Property Appraisal

A. Condition

Our property in Juneau consists of a new church and manse, and an old church and manse.

B. Title

The titles to these properties are in the name of the Board of National Missions

C. Property Value

The new church is valued at \$15,000 and the manse at \$5,000. The old church building is valued at \$2,000; the manse at \$6,000. (2 lots valued at \$250.)

IV. Church Membership and Average Attendance

The Church Membership is 87 and the average attendance 70.

V. The Church Program

The Church program consists of regular church activities; morning worship, young peoples, missionary society. In addition, there is a reading room in the church for the use of the congregation and the pastor has a regular broadcast over the local radio.

White work

NORTHERN LIGHT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WILLIS R. BOOTH, Minister

JUNEAU, ALASKA

July 17, 1942

Mrs. H. R. McEwen
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. McEwen:

Everything possible is being done for the comfort of the boys in the Service. This week, there is being conducted a financial drive for the U. S. O. to be established in Juneau. A building has been selected and will very soon be conditioned.

Meanwhile, the American Legion Hall is being used as a place of amusement. All the churches and fraternal organizations are co-operating by each organization having the supervision for one week. During the week, a hostess, cookies and coffee are provided. The men are making good use of the opportunity in their patronage. Of course, the homes of the community are open to them and they are invited to meals.

There is no chaplain here thus far. The men are privileged to attend the Churches. Though the percentage of those who attend is small at present, it seems to be growing.

As contact representative for the Board of National Missions, the Governor of Alaska has promised me the fullest co-operation of the Alaska War Council in respect to any possible emergency necessity concerning our missionaries. Such information coming to me from the Council can and will be readily and quickly transmitted to the missionaries.

The war situation is having its effect upon the Church. Juneau has had many people leave. The loss in this Church is noticeable. Yet, in spite of that fact, the attendance is growing and has astounded the eldership. Since coming to Juneau, November 15, 1941, thirty-eight new members have been added to the roll. Twenty-two of whom were upon profession of faith. Last Sunday, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to a very large congregation. This was the first summer Communion Service held in this Church in several years. Twenty-five soldiers were present.

The Sunday School has suffered most. It is shot to pieces during the summer months. But that always happens as so many families move to the Anka Bay region for the summer. However, many of the children have been taken to the States this summer.

Cordially yours,

(Signed) Willis R. Booth

Willis R. Booth

KAKE, ALASKA

I. Population and description of community

Kake is a native village of 411 inhabitants, including 19 whites, located at the entrance of Keku Strait.

II. Religious forces working in the community

The Salvation Army is the only other religious forces working in the community. This group serves regularly.

III. Property Appraisal

A. Condition

Both the church and the manse are in need of extensive repairs in form of paint, both inside and out; window panes; basement for the church.

B. Title

The property is Board owned.

C. Property Value

Church is valued at \$4,000 and the manse at \$3,000, according to Board records. However, according to Alaskan figures the church is worth \$700. and the manse \$500. The land is valued at \$100. (2½ acres)

IV. Church Membership and Average Attendance

Church Membership is 97 and the average attendance is 338.

V. Church Program

The program consists of regular church services and Sunday School.

KASAAN , ALASKA

I. Population and description of community

Kasaan is a small fishing village of 85 inhabitants, entirely Native. It has a good cannery in the town, though owned by an outside firm. There is a good Government School of two teachers, no liquor stores in the town.

II. Religious forces working in the community

There are no other religious organization in the town.

III. Property Appraisal

A. Condition

Both Church and manse are in fair condition, the manse being reasonably comfortable. The Church is a very nice but small building, seating about 100 people.

B. Title

The Title is held by the Board of National Missions - (doubtful retitling)

C. Property Value

The actual value, according to figures from Alaska, is \$1500.; the commercial value about \$500. The Board, however, has the values listed on its records as: Church valued at \$1200, Manse, valued at \$3,000. Land, \$50. (11/10)

IV. Church Membership and average attendance

Since there is no worker in the community, there is no membership roll at present. However, when Mr. Swogger visited last winter, there were about 20 at the morning service and 50 at the evening service.

V. Church Program

No active program carried on because there is no worker.

Note: Mr. Swogger makes the following statement re this community: "An Assembly of God preached offered to hold services for them, if they would re-organize the Church, but the Elders said; 'No, we are Presbyterians, always have been, and want to remain so! It is a small but worthy field for work'".

KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

I. Population and description of the community

Ketchikan is the first point of call for all steamers entering Alaska after crossing the Canadian border. It has a population of about five thousand of all races. Members of the three main tribes of Alaskan natives, about seven hundred, call this their home but only two or three hundred of them live in Ketchikan and do business there permanently. Ketchikan is town well equipped with fine public schools, a hospital with doctors ranking with the best in the U. S. A., two strong banks, stores carrying almost anything found in the States, adequate transportation and communication facilities. The headquarters of the United States Coast Guard and Lighthouse Service has been established in Ketchikan, and a large airbase is now under construction on Annette Island near Metlakatla. These two factors have brought a great influx of army people to Ketchikan. The liquor situation is a grave problem.

II. Religious forces working in the community

The following churches are located in this city: Methodist, Episcopal, Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Seventh Day Adventist, Christian Scientist, Church of Christ, Salvation Army, Ketchikan Gospel Tabernacle, Presbyterian and Alaska Evangelical Society. The hospital in Ketchikan is a Catholic institution which is patronized by the whole city. The Seventh Day Adventists maintain a school for the children of their church.

III. Property Appraisal

A. Condition

The manse is located up over the church and the building is in good repair although it needs painting. The main auditorium of the church will seat 125 and when the folding doors of the S. S. rooms are opened a congregation of over 200 can be seated. The manse has eight rooms, bath and kitchen.

B. Title

The Title is held by the Board of National Missions

C. Property Value

The building was built in 1931 and cost \$10,000. Replacement value today would be \$20,000. The Board records show a value of \$9,000 for the church and manse. Land valued at \$3,000.

IV. Church Membership and Average Attendance

Church membership is 88 and the average weeking attendance is about 40

V. Church Program

Regular services and Sunday School of fifty teachers and scholars is carried on. In addition there is a Woman's Missionary Society and Christian Endeavor group and choir. Our church in Ketchikan serves the native population.

September 15, 1942

The Effect of the Defense and Military Situation upon the Work of the Ketchikan Mission Church.

Perhaps the most direct way the present situation has made itself felt upon our work here has been through the loss of influential men from the congregation. Usually our men are absent in the summer but here throughout the rest of the year. Now, with so much work going on, most of it away from Ketchikan, they are being kept out of town continually. Two of our elders, the choir director, and some other key men have already made arrangements to be away for many months.

A feeling of general insecurity and unrest prevails here. It is not expressed in words so much as in the refusal to accept any continuing responsibility or make any commitments for the future months. "Morale" itself is good, but underlying all is the ever-present expectation of change.

Here in Ketchikan a large and well equipped USO center is maintained. It provides a splendid social schedule, and recreational program. However, there is little or no effort made to touch upon spiritual needs. And because of the denominational issue, a regular organized attempt may not be made by anyone outside of the organization. Efforts to interest the men by a coffee club-- Sunday morning coffee and donuts in the building, thence to church--any church-- have failed. But very few at a time are given liberty or leave, thus there are never very many in town at one time. I have made contacts with as many men as possible, have had occasional small delegations at services, and fairly frequent callers from the armed forces. But all in all I regret to report that I do not feel that we, this church, are a particularly vital force among the military men. One reason for this might be that the men have been given to feel by other sources that this is a "native church", and as such not suitable for them. This does seem to be the case, and is an effective barrier to some at least.

This in general is the situation here. It seems that I have mentioned only difficulties, and in truth I can see no particular advantages in the present state of affairs. Yet we are not by any means weighted down or inordinately discouraged by difficulties. We accept them only to endeavor to go on the more strongly because of them. May we be so led that His strength and His spirit may be ours and our people's.

(Signed) James W. Hall.

Klawock, Alaska

I. Population and description of the community

Klawock is located on the West Coast of the Prince of Wales Island and is the central point for the Fishing Fleet during the summer. There are two small canneries that are owned by the natives of the town whose chief livelihood is fishing and trapping. There are approximately 450 to 500 inhabitants including the Government School teacher and a very few other whites. The population is primarily native.

II. Religious forces working in the community

In addition to the Presbyterian Church there is a small Salvation Army Corps. There are a growing number of natives who are Catholics in the community.

III. Property Appraisal

A. Condition

The Church was built forty years ago and is in a very bad condition. The walls are beginning to bulge and there are no rafters to hold them. The foundation posts are all rotten and the north side of the building sags about two inches. Local contractors feel it would be money thrown away to repair the property and put in new foundations. The manse is in fair shape but it is over 35 years old and is too old for general repair.

B. Title

Title is in the name of the Home Board

C. Property Value

The church was built at an estimated cost of \$20,000 and the manse cost \$15,000. The missionary estimates their present value at \$5,000 "at a liberal estimate" for the church and \$1,000 for the manse. According to the records of the Board however the church is valued at \$1250 and the manse at \$4,000, including contents. Land: \$100.

IV. Church Membership and Average Attendance

Church Membership is 122 and the average attendance 90.

V. Church Program

There is an educational program that includes every individual within the Church, beginning with nursery Children and through the older people. There are three Bible Clubs for children in the grades with an enrollment of 100. Sunday School is organized on the plan of a Junior Church with its own Elders, Deacons and Choir. The Sunday Evening service is under the direction of the Young People. In addition, there are the regular church services and activities.

KLUKWAN, ALASKA

I. Population and description of community

Klukwan has a population of 100 - all Natives.

II. Religious forces working in the community

The Presbyterian church is the only religious force in community.

III. Property Appraisal

A. Condition of Property

No information

B. Title

Title is held by the Board of National Missions

C. Property Value

The Church and Manse are valued at \$2,000. Land valued at \$100.

IV. Church Membership and Average Attendance

Church Membership is 47 and average attendance is 40.

V. Church Program

METLAKATLA, ALASKA

I. Population and description of the community

Metlakatla is a town of seven hundred inhabitants, Indians of the Tsimshian tribe. The population is Indian except for Government representatives, the doctor, and two ministers and families. The island on which the town is located is a Reservation. The town is governed by a City Council, making their own laws and electing their own enforcement officers. It has its own hydro-electric system, a good sawmill and an up-to-date cannery.

II. Religious forces working in the community

The Duncan, called the Christian Church, an independent organization, controlled by the trustees of the Duncan Estate is the only other church. A very small group of Salvation Army workers is also established.

III. Property Appraisal

A. Condition

The Church and Manse are in good condition. The manse is new, being built two years ago.

B. Title

Title to the property is held by the Local Board of Trustees.

C. Property Value

The actual value of the church is \$10,000; commercial value is about \$4,000. The value of the manse is \$7,000 including furnishings.

IV. Church Membership and average attendance

The Church has a membership of 207 with an average attendance of 120.

V. Church Program

Two Sunday Services are held, morning and evening. The regular Wednesday evening prayer meeting is conducted regularly. There is a Friday evening meeting for the old people which they conduct themselves in their own language. There is a well organized Sunday School of 150, and active Christian Endeavor of more than 100 members. There is also a Woman's Missionary Society which meets monthly, with a membership of 24, and a sewing club for girls of 12 to 15 which is very active. The choir is active in special programs and also visits Ketchikan to sing in one of the churches. Each year the Elders make an Evangelistic trip to a nearby village to carry the gospel to communities where regular services are not held. Vacation Bible Schools are conducted during the summer. The Christian Endeavor and Women's Society carry on an active program of visitations to the sick, raising money for food for poor families, etc. The Sunday evening service is conducted by the Christian Endeavor.

* The Board of National Missions has a \$2,990 mortgage on this property.

METLAKATLA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ALFRED D. SWOGGER, Pastor

METLAKATLA, ALASKA

July 24, 1942

Office of Dr. King
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. McEwen:

Regarding the defense situation in this district, I feel that all is being done that can be done to provide for the safety of the people. Of course there is all the movement that would be expected about a Flying Field in the immediate district.

A number of our men are working at the Base, which, I feel tends to make the two communities one in a way. There does not seem to be the concern for their safety which seems to be felt in some places.

This is an Indian community almost 100%, and the presence of white faces and uniforms does seem to disturb many of our young girls. In fact, the social situation is very disturbing, and seems to be a difficult one for which to find a solution. Among our young people, I would say the religious situation is becoming a grave one. The lack of home discipline and the thrill of new adventures are contributing factors to the social and religious let down so manifest among our young people, especially the young girls.

The older people, and I mean people above the -teen age, are showing more interest in that which has to do with the Church.

The situation as it exists now is a most difficult one, but I have faith to believe that better days are ahead for the Minister who will put forth his best for the Master.

Cordially yours,

(Signed) Alfred D. Swogger

Alfred D. Swogger

PETERSBURG, ALASKA

I. Population and description of the community

The town is a large and progressive fishing town and many of the people work in the Shrimp Canneries. The population is a little over 1300 made up to Scandinavians, about 120 Natives and 75 Filipinos and 150 Japanese.

II. Religious forces working in the community

The Salvation Army has a worker among the Natives with only six or eight members in the Army. Most of the natives belong to the Catholic Church but there is no Priest in Petersburg. One comes about once in two months and stays a week. There is a Lutheran Church which works among the whites and is a very progressive organization.

III. Property Appraisal

A. Condition. ~~XX~~

The property at Petersburg is in the worst condition of any of the property in Alaska. It is in need of extensive repairs and is not worth the amount of money it would cost to put it into condition.

B. Title

The Presbytery holds title to the property but the Board has a \$3,505 mortgage on it.

C. Property Value

The property is not worth more than about \$600 in its present state.

IV. Church Membership and Average Attendance

Church Membership is 46 and the average attendance 35.

V. Church Program ~~XX~~

The program consists of the regular worship service in the morning, a Sunday School with attendance averaging around 40, a Young People's meeting in the evening. There is a Woman's Missionary Society with 20 members which is very active for a small group.

SITKA, ALASKA

I. Population and description of the community

The population of Sitka is now about 2,500. including 649 Thlinget Indians. Sitka has been growing rapidly because of the operations on Japonski Island where there is a Naval Air Base. During the summer months Sitka is the headquarters of about 1000 fishing boats. Sitka is located on Baranoff Island in southeastern Alaska.

II. Religious forces working in the community

The churches serving Sitka are as follows: Episcopal, with building only, no regular minister; Roman Catholic, with resident priest and building; Greek Orthodox, with resident priest and building; Pentacostal with building and local worker; Christian Science with local Reader and services in the Hotel; Salvation Army with local workers, two, and no building; and Lutheran with resident minister and no building, but plans to build immediately.

III. Property Appraisal

A. Condition

Church building is in a very poor condition and inadequate. Appraisals estimate states the "building should be condemned and razed. No value." Manse is in good condition.

B. Title

The Title is in the name of the Board of National Missions.

C. Property Value

The above statement under "Condition" re the church is self-explanatory and was sent in by the missionary on the field. However, the Board has the building listed at a value of \$8,000. The manse is valued by the missionary at \$7,000. whereas the Board has it listed at \$5,000. Land is valued at ~~\$8000~~ \$750. (1 lot for church).

IV. Church Membership and Average Attendance

The church membership of the Sitka Church is 278 and the average attendance about 215.

V. Church Program

The program consists of a Sunday School with 500 members, regular Sunday services and a midweek service on Wednesday. In addition, there are four native young peoples societies on the campus at Sheldon Jackson which meet each Sunday evening. A white young peoples service is held each Sunday evening at the manse. The Sitka Church serves Sheldon Jackson School as well as the townspeople. For a while last spring the missionary at Sitka served as a chaplain for the Naval Base since no regular chaplain had been assigned.

WRANGELL, ALASKA

I. Population and description of the community

Wrangell has a population of 1142 about 80% of which are native. It is incorporated and governed by a Mayor and Town Council. Its chief industries are lumber, fishing, canning of fish and shrimp, and fur. The town has stores and shops of all kinds, a fine school building and many comfortable homes.

II. Religious forces working in the community

There is a Roman Catholic Church, an Episcopal Church, Salvation Army Hall, an Assembly of God Mission, and a Seventh Day Adventist Group. The Episcopal Church has been closed due to the ill health of the minister and there is some question as to whether it will or will not be opened again. It is not a mission project.

III. Property Appraisal

A. Condition

The Church, manse and grounds make one of the most attractive spots in town. The buildings and grounds are in good condition.

B. Title

The property is owned by the Board of National Missions

C. Property Value

The value of the property as compared with assessed property in the town is as follows: (the figures obtained by City Clerk)

Church Building	\$10,000 to \$12,000	(built 1921)
Manse	\$5,000	(built 1931)
Lot	\$3,000	(2 1/3 acres)

The Board records show a valuation of \$14,000 on the church and \$7,000 (incl. contents) on the manse. Board has land valued at \$2,000.

IV. Church Membership and Average Attendance

The Church membership is 80 and the average attendance is 43.

V. Church Program

The church program consists of Morning Service, Evening Service, Sunday school, Young People, Ladies Aid, Missionary Society, Prayer Meeting. There are special services held during the year some of which are community services. In addition to the work in Wrangell, the Church carries on work at the Government Indian Institute where about 200 boys and girls from southeastern Alaska attend. A Bible class is conducted at the institute every week and every other Sunday a chapel service is conducted by the Presbyterian missionary.

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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA**I. Population and description of the community**

Anchorage is a modern town with a population of upwards of 10,000. It is well on its way to being the "City of Alaska". It is a 'white men's town' - there being no natives and less than fifty of mixed blood. The recent establishment of Fort Richardson has caused much of the progress. This Fort is the main one in Alaska and is the center of all army activity.

II. Religious forces working in the community

There is an Episcopal church (high church) which has a priest who is in Anchorage three Sundays out of the month and in Seward the fourth. It is the second church in Anchorage. The Presbyterian Church is by far the largest. There is a fine Roman Catholic hospital, but a poor church with small attendance. The other churches are as follows: Seventh Day Adventists, small and troublesome when an evangelist in town, otherwise dead; Missouri Synod Lutheran, Minister lives in Palmer, in Anchorage twice a month, attendance extremely small; Church of the Open Door, Independent, minister works as carpenter, attendance about 25; Church of God; Church of Christ; Bethel Full Assembly of God; Christian Scientist; Baha's Missionary; Salvation Army.

III. Property Appraisal**A. Condition**

Church and Manse is in a fine location. New building under construction. The old Church property and the manse are in poor condition. The manse is of frame construction, poorly built and hard to heat; good outside appearance, fair inside. Furnace worn out.

B. Title

Church holds title to property. Deed dated May 15, 1941 given by Board to Church. We, the Board, now hold mortgages on the church totalling \$4,000.

C. Property Value

The lots are worth \$800. to \$1,200. each. The Manse and lot are valued at about \$5,500. and the church (new building) cost approximately \$15,000. Board values land at \$750. No estimate of value for old church building. (2 lots)

IV. Church Membership and Average Attendance

The Church membership is 128 and the average attendance about 120.

V. Church Program

The Program at Anchorage consists of Sunday School, Morning Worship, Jr. Christian Endeavor, Senior Christian Endeavor, Evening Preaching, Ladies Aid, Men's Brotherhood, Boys Club, Daily Vacation Bible School, Daily Vacation Bible School, two choirs (adult and junior). With the construction and establishment of Fort Richardson there is considerable work, outside or rather in addition to the regular church program, among the soldiers and others who have come to Anchorage due to the Defense Program.

79 Kirkwood Avenue
Akron, Ohio

Dr. Everett B. King
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. King:

This is an account of the contact I have had with the soldiers in connection with our Church's work up to the present.

The work has tended to be more "personal" since the declaration of war on December 7th. However, I have found that the Army encourages the men to attend church in as far as possible.

The cooperation of the Chaplains has always been good but I think it has been better in recent months. Our Church effort is in no sense a competition with the Chaplains nor an opposition to them. We work with them and help them, as they do with us.

At last we realize firsthand that the war is here. Recently word came of the deaths of two of the boys, at Dutch Harbor, who had been active in our Church at Anchorage. It makes one's heart heavy as they were good friends. However, it is a great satisfaction to know that I had something to do with their spiritual direction in the time they were away from Dad and Mother and the old home Church. This can't be measured in dollars and cents.

It is my opinion that there is a greater need than ever before for this type of work and also I feel that it is a new missionary field in Alaska, judging by the way the boys respond. Some of them who had little time for the Church before they were called to the colors, suddenly find a place for it in their leisure and then come to realize the need of Christ in their lives.

My work with the U. S. O. has been mutually satisfactory. It is not a duplication of effort. Rather a supplement. I have conducted the "Toastmasters Club" in the U.S.O. each Tuesday evening. Our choir director assists the U.S.O. hostess in her duties now. A real effort has been made to get the boys into the Church homes and activities.

Recently a woman called on me to learn more of her son and the conditions of his life in Alaska. She appreciated this firsthand knowledge. Also, I was able to contact some of my friends in Alaska to open a new circle of good friends for him there.

I want to heartily endorse this effort of our Church. We are carrying out the Great Command of our Master and the Kingdom will grow as a result. One does not want to put it on this plane entirely; but :- the Presbyterian will reap for years to come as a result of this effort.

Cordially,

Boyd G. Cabbage

Self-Supporting Church -
therefore - No survey data.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Seventh and Cushman Streets, Fairbanks, Alaska

July 15, 1942

R. Rolland Armstrong, Minister

REPORT ON ALASKAN SITUATION FROM VIEWPOINT OF A PRESBYTERIAN IN THE HEART OF THE INTERIOR.

The last few weeks has seen military convulsions throughout the Territory. No one will say what is going on. Even if we did know it is our rightful duty to remain silent. A heavy censorship has fallen over the entire situation. From the viewpoint of the military this is what will win the war. To the thinking and conscious civilian a touch of rebellion marks the imposed banning of information.

There are two results of this censorship. One is the trek to the "outside". This means the complete disruption of home ties. Families normally steady and entrenched are rooted up with the thought of separation "for the duration." Herein lies an enormous breakdown in the church program. No community can lose children, wives and some of its young people without seeing leadership and scholars depleted. The church must then be ready to foster movements and courses to meet this changing need. (How we are meeting this is discussed later).

Second in the results of the censorship is a deepening determination to remain at the palisade. Thoughtful and deliberate in their decision many are being drawn closer together in homes and work. It is well that as yet rationing has not come to this area. Conscious that the possibility of it is ahead, whole families are gardening, picking berries, canning and preparing places of storage for vegetables. Common effort inspires closer association. This in turn is the factor that the church has prayed for and under these mysterious circumstances has come forth.

This particular congregation saw well in advance that the change was due to take a certain toll on its church school and congregation. Viewing the situation as a challenge they adjusted their educational program. The first suggestion was to keep the crowd looking large. Combine and arouse interest without sacrifice to graded teaching and learning. Immediately department worship services were combined. Classes were brought together. The forced reduction in the staff found us with steady, spiritual and eager workers in the harness. With the reduction of attendance there has been no loss of morale. The teachers are thrilled with the attitude of the children and they find an increased interest in the work of the school.

One other item might be raised in connection with the church in Alaska today. (Let me limit that to Fairbanks.) If the subscription list of the church were published over against the folk who have gone outside, it would show that most of the subscribers are here.

The social condition finds Fairbanks with a high per capita wealth. Wages are high and everyone is working. Positions at the local base have employed many

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town folk. Contract jobs on projects have taken high school, college and older men.

The possibility of good jobs and big money has drawn Indian and Eskimo men and families into this area. It is a source of much trouble because the class distinction is becoming stronger each month. Many of the natives are drinking. Women are soliciting civilians and soldiers and cause trouble in the tracing of centers of disease.

Let me add to this that the soldiers from the field are most interested in the church. To date a second chaplain arrived. This gives one Protestant (Baptist) and Roman Catholic on duty. The U. S. O. has opened their doors within the last month. They have fine equipment and excellent directors.

I am at the eve of going on a A-H encampment. Some 50 children will be there. Mrs. Armstrong will be camp cook and I will be the general-usher-arounder-settle-the-disputter. In other words the recreational director.

NOTE: I have written without the thought of correction. I'll leave that up to you if it is too bad.

CORDOVA, ALASKA

I. Population and description of the community

The population for Cordova's Recording District is 1840. The town itself has a population of about 900. As far as Cordova is concerned it has no Natives, but the outlying section has about 186 Natives. There are a number of Scandinavian fishermen living in the outlying sections. The chief industries are fishing and canning.

II. Religious forces working in the community

There is a Roman Catholic priest working in the community for two weeks, and then he goes to Valdez for the next two weeks, working the two points. It is a small group of about 25 who attend but this is not a steady program. The Episcopal work is very very sketchy. The minister is in Cordova three weeks and in Valdez three weeks. There is no S. S. and the services do not function when minister is out of town. Russian Church works only with natives or part natives and has no resident priest but a lay reader. This church has a big hold on the natives. The Independent worker is working with the natives and is doing some good.

III. Property Appraisal

A. Condition

The Manse and Church are housed in one building. The building is in fair condition. The building is in need of painting and the approach to the Manse by way of the side porch is bad. One needs to rebuild the whole foundation to the porch and rebuild three flights of steps along with some siding.

B. Title

The corporation of the First Presbyterian Church of Cordova holds the title to the property. The Board of National Missions holds grant mortgage of 10,855.60

C. Property Value

The building cost about \$24,000. to construct and the present value is approximately \$15,000.

IV. Church Membership and Average Attendance

The church membership is 46 and the average attendance about 40.

V. Church Program

The town of Cordova is to some extent a unit and therefore some of the church activities are taken care of by the different organizations in town, thus making the Church and town programs overlap in many ways. The missionary is the Scout Master and his boy's class and Scout Troop are one. The Church gymnasium is used for town gatherings since there is no other gymnasium in town. Either the pastor or his wife is a member of all community boards and committees. There

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V. Church Program (continued)

are also the regular church activities: Ladies Aid, Sunday School, Young Peoples, and Regular Sunday services. Since the workers in the canneries have no time to go to church because of Sunday work, the missionary has made visits to the workers.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DAVID H. CRAWFORD, MINISTER
CORDOVA, ALASKA

July 25, 1942

Mrs. H. R. McEwen
% Dr. Everett B. King
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. McEwen:

We have some military stationed here. The nature and extent of same I will not mention. This, of course, means an increase in the number who desire the use of the Church. In fact they have responded very well to our services. They have, to a great extent, supplemented the number that have moved out and also the number that are tied up with defense work and working conditions that have hindered them from coming to the services. Our boys in both Army and Navy appreciate the Church. Duties keep them from attending our services many times but a good percentage come when they can. The work of the Church with these boys is of gravest importance to my mind. I am of the opinion that the future of the church in Alaska depends upon the way in which the present church of Alaska treats these boys who are now in Alaska. I am suprised at the number of boys here who plan within the 10 years following the war of coming back to the territory and making this their home. If such is the case, then the changes that must take place in the moral life of the territory must be impressed upon the minds of these boys. This is one of the phases of our work here. Another phase that I meet every day is that personal contact that has to be made with the boys. As time moves along this phase of our work is increasing. The boys are sensing the need of help and counsel and many come to me. The Chaplain gets a lot of this work, however, many times the boys feel as though they would rather have the minister of the town Church talk with them than their Chaplain. This is not minimizing the work of the Chaplain a bit. It is rather bolstering his work. For they find the same kind of counsel from both and often this repeated counsel is what they need. I try to help the Chaplain and he helps us. The tie between home Church and the boy in the Army is certainly needed. If pastors could drop a personal note to the boy away at camp, it would help so much. At the same time if they could be reminded to remember their church while at camp it would be an added aid. Many of these boys are lonely and the Church can go a long ways in filling the vacancy that they miss. This is our program we try to maintain for these boys. Our church, our homes and our facilities are all open to them. And let me add, it is certainly appreciated.

Cordially yours,

(Signed) David H. Crawford

POINT BARROW, ALASKA

I. Population and description of the community

The population varies between 500 and 600 of which about 25 are white. Barrow is located on Cape Smythe, 9 miles from the furthest north point in Alaska. the Native houses are mostly wood shacks; some live in sod houses. The chief livelihoods are hunting, fishing and trapping. Some are employed by the government in herding, teaching school, in the hospital as janitors and domestic help. A large proportion of the people are infected with tuberculosis.

II. Religious forces working in the community

There are no other churches at the present time.

III. Property Appraisal

A. Condition

The property is in fair condition. The Church building is a frame building poorly constructed with no insulation. The manse is in good condition.

B. Title

The Title is held in the name of the Board of National Missions

C. Property Value

The property is valued at approximately \$20,000., including church, manse, warehouse, coalhouse, cache, ice house and garage. According to Board records, the church is valued at \$15,000. and the manse at \$15,500 (including contents). No value placed on other buildings in Board records.

IV. Church Membership and Average Attendance

Church Membership is 448 and the average attendance 300 to 350.

V. Church Program

The Church Program consists of Sunday morning worship, afternoon prayer meeting, Sunday night service, midweek service, Sunday School, Junior C. E. Also this church and its missionary has supervision over the work between Barrow and Demarcation Point, a distance of about 400 miles.

PALMER, ALASKA

I. Population and description of the community

The Palmer Church serves in a radius of 25 miles in which the population is about 2500. The community of Palmer itself has about 300 people; the farming area about 2,000; the gold and coal mines about 200. This is known as the Matanuska Valley.

II. Religious forces working in the community

There is a Lutheran Church with about 25 members and a Catholic Church with about 40. The Palmer Church is known as the United Protestant Church.

III. Property Appraisal

A. Condition

The property is in good condition, having been built within the last five years.

B. Title

Title is held by the Board of National Missions and the United Protestant Church.

C. Property Value

The property consists of an acre and one-eighth on which is located a new log church, a log house and a garage. The total cost of construction was approximately \$17,000. The Board has the property valued at \$10,000 for the church and \$3,500 for the manse.

IV. Church Membership and Average Attendance

Church membership is 125 and the average weekly attendance 54.

V. Church Program

The Program consists of Sunday School, morning worship, Ladies Aid, Young People's Christian Endeavor, Boy Scouts. In addition the church serves the 15 Eskimo young people who are from the churches in the Arctic and who are attending the vocational school at Eklutna. The missionary also makes trips to visit the people in the mining areas and isolated places.

Palmer, Alaska

Military and Defense Situation in and around Palmer

All Alaska is considered "theater of war area" and that includes the Matanuska Valley. We are so near the Army that we see men in uniform, but so far away that we would not know that there is a war if we did not have radios. The valley has no military installations, yet a good number of the men from the farms here are away working on defense jobs. Naturally there is a local organization of the territorial guard here, comparable to our national guard units in the States. But differing in the facts that all the members of the local guard are non-military age men and could not serve in a branch of the armed forces.

The greatest effect of the situation upon the work of the church is its lowering attendance at services. The men who are away at work have left the family at home without transportation and as a result the family is absent from the regular services of the church. Most of the members are faithfully paying their church pledges and expect the pastor to continue his calling which is done regularly.

The reported effects of extreme increase or decrease in church interest is totalling lacking here. Our members generally accept the situation and continue their daily routine work. Those who were not in attendance have not become suddenly interested in the church. There was anxiety and some families returned to the States on the outbreak of war but those who try to continue a normal life here are doing so with seeming satisfactory results.

While the war was only a few months old we had many rumors but now we have little or no rumor-mongering. One might sum the situation up by comparing it to any rural community in the States, considering its population and nearness or separation from army posts and industry.

O. Wilber Randall, Pastor

ST. LAWRENCE ISLAND, ALASKA

GAMBELL

I. Population and description of the community

St. Lawrence Island is located about 100 miles off the Alaskan coast in the Bering Sea. Gambell is on the far side of the island, about 75 miles off the coast of Siberia. There, 297 Natives and 4 Whites, make their livelihood by fishing. In Gambell there are about fifty native homes, built quite close together because in hard storms the water comes close to the homes and it is not safe to spread out much. There is a fine school building, native store, nurse's home and mission building.

II. Religious forces working in the community

There are no other churches in Gambell.

III. Property Appraisal

A. Condition

The mission building in Gambell was built in 1892 but is still in good condition.

B. Title

Gambell's church and manse property is still held by the Home Board.

C. Property Appraisal

According to Board records the property is valued at \$5,000; Land at \$1,000. (1 lot)

IV. Church Membership and Average Attendance

Church membership is 140; average attendance, 125.

V. Church Program

The church program consists of worship services, women's clubs, home visitation to the sick and to assist people in reading the Bible.

SAVOONGA

I. Population and description of the community

The population of Savoonga is 210 with 3 whites. Fishing is the chief source of livelihood here. It is not far from the sea and is wet and hard to drain. Savoonga is located on the northern coast, about in the center of St. Lawrence Island. There is a schoolhouse here also, native store and the nurse serves here.

II. Religious forces working in the community

There is no other church in Savoonga

III. Property Appraisal

The Board has no property in Savoonga.

ST. LAWRENCE ISLAND, ALASKA (continued)

SAVOONGA (continued)

IV. Church Membership and average attendance

The membership is 98 and the average attendance about 75.

V. Church Program

The program here is much the same as at Gambell. Miss Bannan has supervision over both points but at present has a volunteer helper working at Savoonga.

WAINWRIGHT, ALASKA

I. Population and description of the community

The village has a population of 360 native Eskimo and 6 whites (American). There is one school under the supervision of the Office of Indian Affairs. The source of income is from trapping, fishing and herding. Self-governing is practised by the natives under the guidance and supervision of the school teacher. There is a government nurse but the nearest hospital is 100 miles away at Barrow. There are coal deposits from seven to twenty-five miles from Wainwright.

II. Religious forces working in the community

There are no other settled churches in the community. About 16 to 20 persons are members of Pt. Hope Episcopal Mission but they attend all our services. The Episcopal missionary from Pt. Hope makes his visit to these members once a year.

III. Property Appraisal

A. Condition

The property is in good condition.

B. Title

This property (church and manse) is build on Government land.

C. Value of Property

The Church building and equipment is valued at \$2,500. and the manse and equipment at \$2,500.

IV. Church Membership

Church Membership is 139 and the average attendance is about 250.

V. Church Program

The Program consists of Sunday school for all grades, morning worship, Children's Hour in the afternoon, Group visitation of shut-ins and the sick, Sunday evening service, Prayer meeting, Sunday School Teachers' study, choir, communicants' class.

WALES, ALASKA

I. Population and description of the community

Wales has a population of 200 Eskimos and 3 whites, consisting of the missionary and the two school teachers. The people make their living by hunting and trapping and during the summer a few work in the tin mines.

II. Religious forces working in the community

There is no other church in Wales

III. Property Appraisal

A. Condition

The Church is in a good state of repair; the manse, however, needs roofing and the chimneys leak badly.

B. Title

These buildings are located on the edge of the Government Reserve.

C. Property Value

The Church is valued at approximately \$8,000. and the manse at \$3,000.

IV. Church Membership and average attendance

The membership is 114 and the average attendance about 90..

V. Church Program

The program consists of seven weekly Bible classes, Sunday school, Young People Song Service, midweek service, Regular Church service Sunday morning, Teachers' Bible Class. The missionary also serves as the nurse.

STATIONS NOT SERVED REGULARLY.

DOUGLAS

No buildings.
Land: 4 acres valued at \$25.00.

NENANA

Two buildings.
Land: 2/3 lots valued at \$500.00.

SAXMAN

No building.
Land valued at \$50.00.